

sufficient for the purposes for which such land or interest was acquired and no consideration therefor has been paid by the United States, or that title or color of title to such land or interest was acquired through mistake, misunderstanding, error, or inadvertence, he is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of and in the name of the United States to the person from whom the title was acquired or to the person whom he finds entitled thereto a quitclaim deed to such land or interest: *Provided, however*, That if the person to whom such deed is made is the same person from whom the United States acquired title, or his successor in interest, any consideration given by the United States for such land or interest shall be restored or, in lieu thereof, the value equivalent of such consideration as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture shall be paid to the United States; and any consideration or value equivalent so restored or paid shall, so far as is practicable, be restored to the jurisdiction, or deposited to the credit, of the department, agency, appropriation, or fund from which the consideration was transferred or paid at the time of the acquisition of title by the United States.

(July 8, 1943, ch. 197, 57 Stat. 388; Mar. 3, 1952, ch. 72, 66 Stat. 11; Oct. 23, 1962, Pub. L. 87-869, § 2, 76 Stat. 1157.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 567 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

AMENDMENTS

1962—Pub. L. 87-869 struck out “within twenty years” after “shall find”.

1952—Act Mar. 3, 1952, increased period of limitation during which Secretary may adjust land titles from ten to twenty years.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Option to purchase lands, see section 428a of this title.

§ 2254. Operation, maintenance and purchase of aircraft by Agricultural Research Service; construction and repair of buildings

Appropriations for the Agricultural Research Service shall be available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed one for replacement only and pursuant to section 2250 of this title for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements.

(Pub. L. 105-86, title I, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2083.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section.

Section was formerly classified to section 568a of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of

Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 104-180, title I, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1573.
 Pub. L. 104-37, title I, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 303.
 Pub. L. 103-330, title I, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2439.
 Pub. L. 103-111, title I, Oct. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 1050.
 Pub. L. 102-341, title I, Aug. 14, 1992, 106 Stat. 877.
 Pub. L. 102-142, title I, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 882.
 Pub. L. 101-506, title I, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1319.
 Pub. L. 101-161, title I, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 955, 956.
 Pub. L. 100-460, title I, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2233.
 Pub. L. 100-202, § 101(k) [title I], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-322, 1329-327.
 Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(a) [title I], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783, 1783-4, and Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(a) [title I], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341, 3341-4.
 Pub. L. 99-190, § 101(a) [H.R. 3037, title I], Dec. 19, 1985, 99 Stat. 1185.
 Pub. L. 98-473, title I, § 101(a) [H.R. 5743, title I], Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1837.
 Pub. L. 98-151, § 101(d) [H.R. 3223, title I], Nov. 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 972.
 Pub. L. 97-370, title I, Dec. 18, 1982, 96 Stat. 1789.
 Pub. L. 97-103, title I, Dec. 23, 1981, 95 Stat. 1469.
 Pub. L. 96-528, title I, Dec. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 3097.
 Pub. L. 96-108, title I, Nov. 9, 1979, 93 Stat. 822.
 Pub. L. 95-448, title I, Oct. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 1074.
 Pub. L. 95-97, title I, Aug. 12, 1977, 91 Stat. 811, 812.
 Pub. L. 94-351, title I, July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 852.
 Pub. L. 94-122, title I, Oct. 21, 1975, 89 Stat. 642, 643.
 Pub. L. 93-563, title I, Dec. 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 1823.
 Pub. L. 93-135, title I, Oct. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 470.
 Pub. L. 92-399, title I, Aug. 22, 1972, 86 Stat. 593.
 Pub. L. 92-73, title I, Aug. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 184.
 Pub. L. 91-566, title I, Dec. 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 1480.
 Pub. L. 91-127, title I, Nov. 26, 1969, 83 Stat. 245.
 Pub. L. 90-463, title I, Aug. 8, 1968, 82 Stat. 639.
 Pub. L. 90-113, title I, Oct. 24, 1967, 81 Stat. 320.
 Pub. L. 89-556, title I, Sept. 7, 1966, 80 Stat. 689.
 Pub. L. 89-316, title I, Nov. 2, 1965, 79 Stat. 1165.
 Pub. L. 88-573, title I, Sept. 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 862.
 Pub. L. 88-250, title I, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 820.
 Pub. L. 87-879, title I, Oct. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 1203.
 Pub. L. 87-112, title I, July 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 226.
 Pub. L. 86-532, title I, June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 232.
 Pub. L. 86-80, title I, July 8, 1959, 73 Stat. 167.
 Pub. L. 85-459, title I, June 13, 1958, 72 Stat. 188.
 Pub. L. 85-118, title I, Aug. 2, 1957, 71 Stat. 329.
 June 4, 1956, ch. 355, title I, 70 Stat. 229.
 May 23, 1955, ch. 43, title I, 69 Stat. 51.
 June 29, 1954, ch. 409, title I, 68 Stat. 304.
 July 28, 1953, ch. 251, title I, 67 Stat. 206.
 July 5, 1952, ch. 574, title I, 66 Stat. 336.
 Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 374, title I, 65 Stat. 226.
 Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, Ch. VI, title I, 64 Stat. 658.
 June 29, 1949, ch. 280, title I, 63 Stat. 329.
 June 19, 1948, ch. 543, 62 Stat. 513.
 July 30, 1947, ch. 356, title I, 61 Stat. 528.
 June 22, 1946, ch. 445, 60 Stat. 276.
 May 5, 1945, ch. 109, 59 Stat. 142.

§ 2255. Membership in International Wheat Advisory Committee, International Sugar Council, etc.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to expend funds, available for agricultural conservation, adjustment, and land use programs, for the share of the United States as a member of the International Wheat Advisory Committee, the International Sugar Council, or like events or bodies concerned with the objectives of said program, together with traveling and other necessary expenses relating thereto: *Provided*, That expenditures under this authority shall not be

made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, §701(a), 58 Stat. 741.)

CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to sections 570 and 574 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of all officers, agencies, and employees of Department of Agriculture transferred, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of Agriculture by 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 2, §1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

§ 2255a. Financial assistance to national and international conferences

On and after October 21, 1993, appropriations available to the Department of Agriculture can be used to provide financial assistance to the organizers of national and international conferences, if such conferences are in support of agency programs.

(Pub. L. 103-111, title I, Oct. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 1050.)

§ 2256. Inspections, analyses, and tests for other Government departments and agencies; reimbursement

The head of any department or independent establishment of the Government requiring inspections, analyses, and tests of food and other products, within the scope of the functions of the Department of Agriculture and which that Department is unable to perform within the limits of its appropriations, may, with the approval of the Secretary, transfer to the Department for direct expenditure such sums as may be necessary for the performance of such work.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, §702(a), 58 Stat. 741.)

CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 571 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

§ 2257. Interchangeability of funds for miscellaneous expenses and general expenses

Not to exceed 7 per centum of the amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the miscellaneous expenses of the work of any bureau, division, or office of the Department of Agriculture shall be available interchangeably for expenditures on the objects included within the general expenses of such bureau, division, or office, but no more than 7 per centum shall be added to any one item of appropriation except in cases of extraordinary emergency.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, §702(b), 58 Stat. 741.)

CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 572 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

§ 2258. Purchase of newspapers

The Department of Agriculture is authorized to subscribe for such newspapers as may be necessary to carry out its authorized work: *Provided*, That purchases under this authority shall not be made unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation and the cost thereof is not in excess of limitations prescribed therein.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, §704, 58 Stat. 742.)

CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 573 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

§ 2259. Market-inspection certificates as prima facie evidence

Market-inspection certificates issued by authorized agents of the Department of Agriculture shall be received in all courts of the United States as prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements therein contained.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title IV, §401(c), 58 Stat. 738.)

CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 575 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

§ 2260. Inspection or quarantine services involving overtime furnished upon a reimbursable basis

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to pay employees of the United States Department of Agriculture performing inspection or quarantine services relating to imports into and exports from the United States, for all overtime, night, or holiday work performed by them at any place where such inspection and quarantine services are performed, at such rates as he may determine, and to accept from persons for whom such work is performed reimbursement for any sums paid out by him for such work.

(Aug. 28, 1950, ch. 815, 64 Stat. 561.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 576 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

§ 2260a. Reimbursable agreements

(a) In general

The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") may enter into